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Scott Matheson
Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Publishing Office
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732 N. Capitol St. NW
Washington, DC 20401

Dear Superintendent Matheson:

I am writing to notify the Government Publishing Office that, in response to the enclosed letter I received from the Founder and Digital Librarian of the Internet Archive, Mr. Brewster Kahle, I am designating the Internet Archive as a federal depository library in California.

The Internet Archive is a non-profit research library headquartered in San Francisco that aims to provide "Universal Access to All Knowledge." Due to its digital focus, the Internet Archive can reach people around the world, providing free, online access to the library's collections, including digitized physical media, such as books, documents, and films, and archived web pages. As technology continues to evolve, the Internet Archive is leading the way when it comes to providing online library services and would be an asset to the Federal Depository Library Program.

As a federal depository library, the Internet Archive will help remove barriers so that communities from across the nation and around the world can access federal government publications online. As Mr. Kahle's letter notes, the online availability of the Archive's collections "would be a hallmark" of its participation in the program, allowing the library to "provide sustained access to and preservation of the research outputs and publications from our government for generations to come." To that end, through its Democracy's Library collection, the Internet Archive has already taken steps to provide the public with free access to government publications from around the world. As a federal depository library, the Archive will help the Government Publishing Office advance its mission to digitize and make federal government publications accessible.

The librarian for the California State Library – California's regional federal depository library – has endorsed the Internet Archive's candidacy, praising the Archive's commitment to preserving content and making it freely available online in his letter of recommendation. The regional representative for the Federal Depository Library Program also supports the Archive's designation and described the Archive as "one of the leaders in the movement of digital information and digital libraries."

After reviewing the arguments presented on behalf of the Internet Archive, I am confident that it is the best qualified candidate library to fill the vacancy in my state and will meet the needs of the public in the digital information age. The Internet Archive has demonstrated its commitment to providing freely accessible government information to people across the United States and around the world, and I believe that the library will be able to meet the public service goals of the Federal Depository Library Program for some time to come. I am therefore pleased to designate the Internet Archive as a federal depository library. Please keep me informed on the progress of this designation by contacting my office at PadillaRulesDem@rules.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Alex Padilla
United States Senator